

House File 2285 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the racing and gaming commission to conduct
2 a study on the impact on employees of allowing smoking in
3 casinos.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION — STUDY.

2 1. The state racing and gaming commission shall conduct a
3 study concerning the impact of the exemption for the gaming
4 floor of a premises licensed pursuant to chapter 99F from
5 Iowa's smokefree air Act, chapter 142D, on the health and
6 safety of employees employed at a gambling structure, excursion
7 gambling boat, or racetrack enclosure.

8 2. In conducting the study, the commission shall do all of
9 the following:

10 a. Survey employees who have been employed at a gambling
11 structure, excursion gambling boat, or racetrack enclosure over
12 the last twenty-five years and since the enactment of Iowa's
13 smokefree air Act to determine, for each applicable period of
14 time, the percentage of employees surveyed who have contracted
15 respiratory illness or retired or changed jobs due to a medical
16 condition developed while employed, and to determine the
17 average yearly health care costs for employees surveyed.

18 b. Compare data received pursuant to paragraph "a" to data
19 or surveys of employees in this state who have been employed
20 at businesses that are not exempt from Iowa's smokefree air
21 Act over the last twenty-five years and since the enactment
22 of Iowa's smokefree air Act to determine, for each applicable
23 period of time, the information described in paragraph "a" for
24 such employees.

25 c. Examine the effectiveness of ventilation systems
26 utilized by gambling game licensees and health and safety
27 consequences to employees as a result of exposure to smoke.

28 3. The commission shall submit a written report on its
29 findings to the general assembly by December 1, 2016.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill requires the racing and gaming commission to
34 conduct a study on the impact of the exemption for the gaming
35 floor of a premises licensed pursuant to Code chapter 99F from

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1 Iowa's smokefree air Act, Code chapter 142D, on the health and
2 safety of employees at those licensed premises. The racing and
3 gaming commission shall submit a written report on its findings
4 to the general assembly by December 1, 2016.